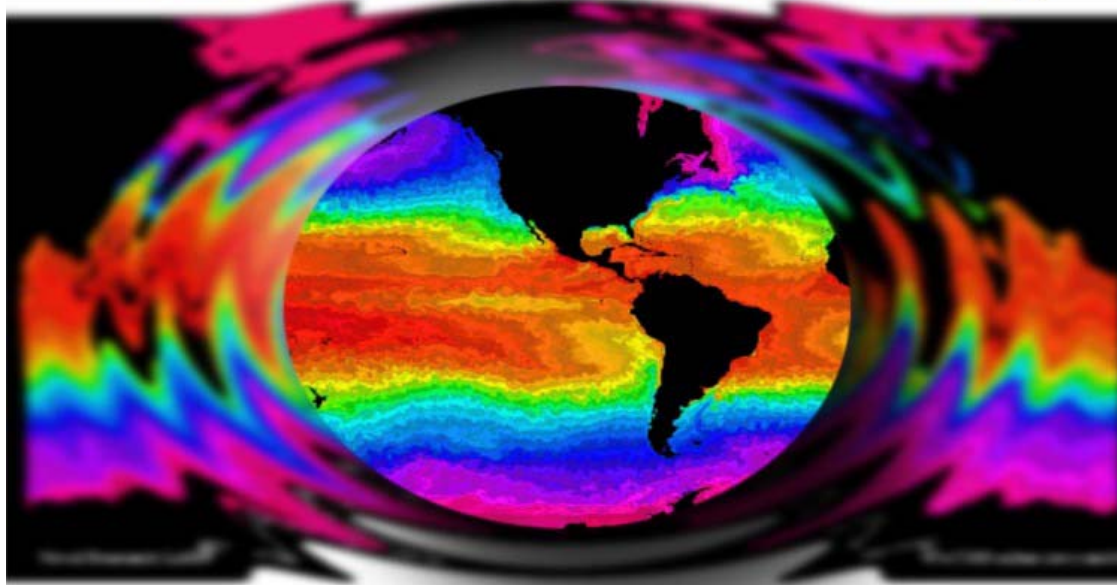


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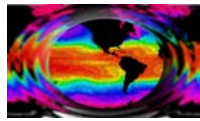
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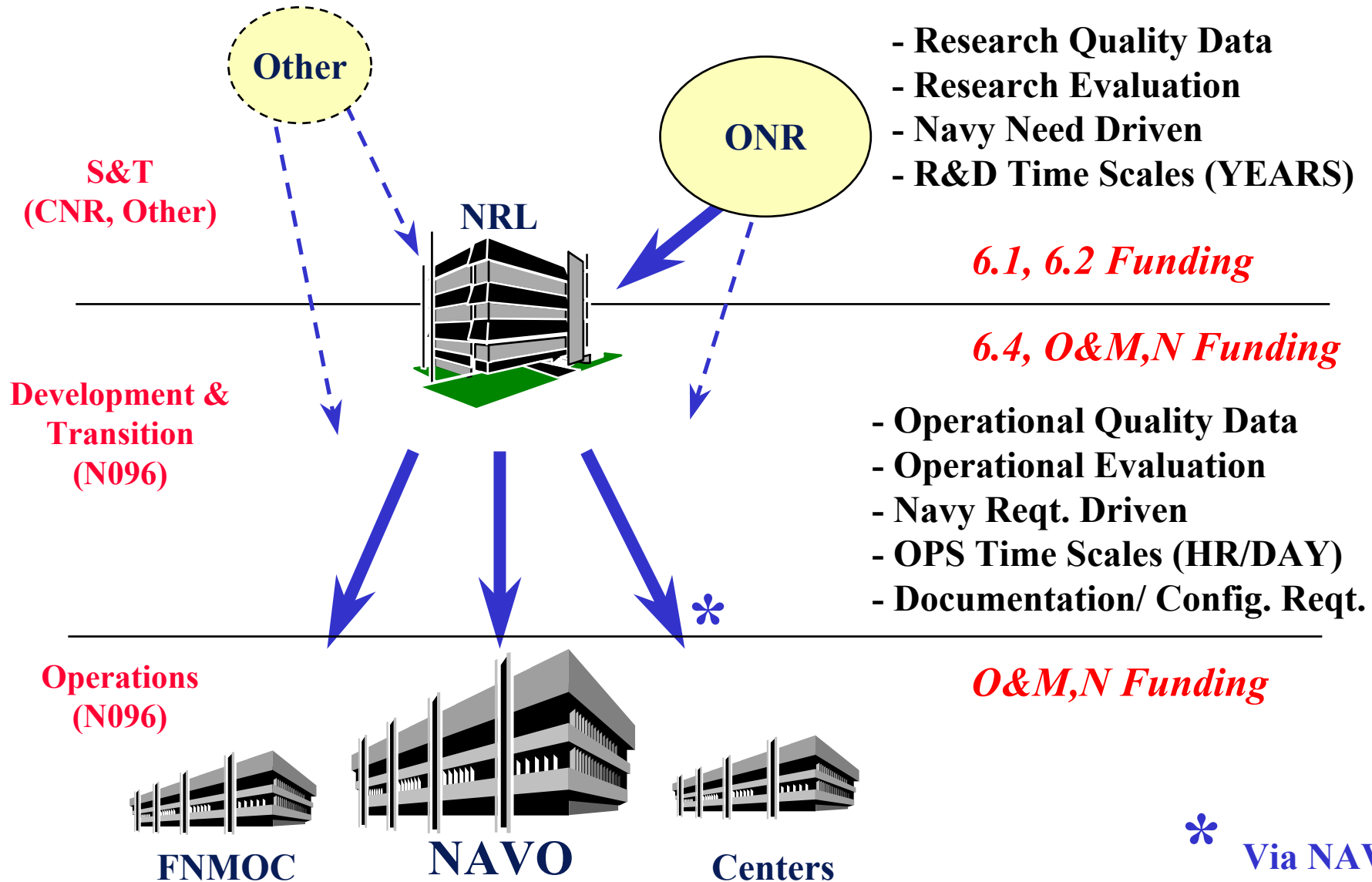
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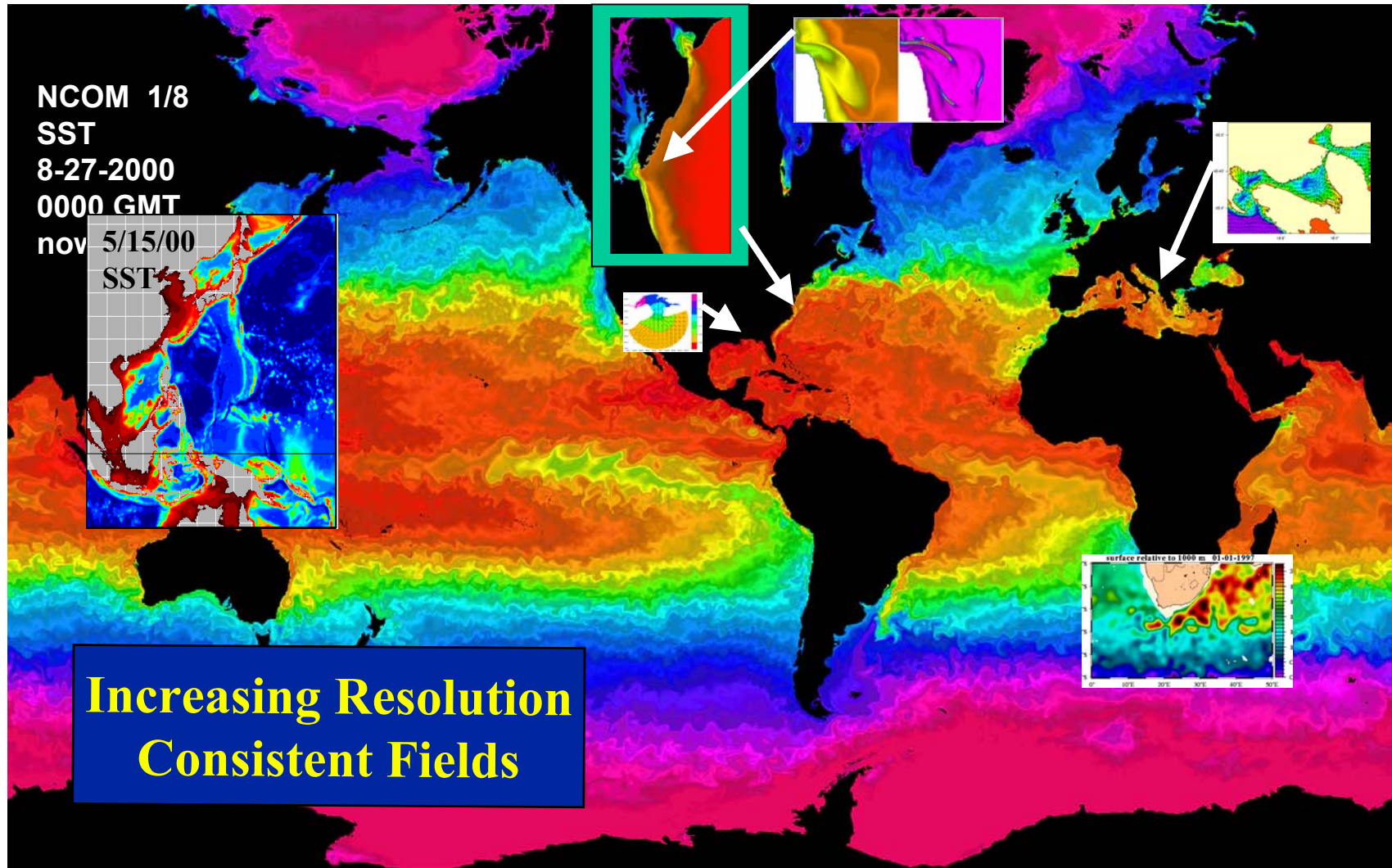
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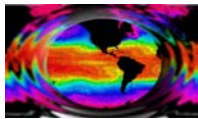


Ocean Funding/Transition Interaction



Global to Littoral Nested Strategy

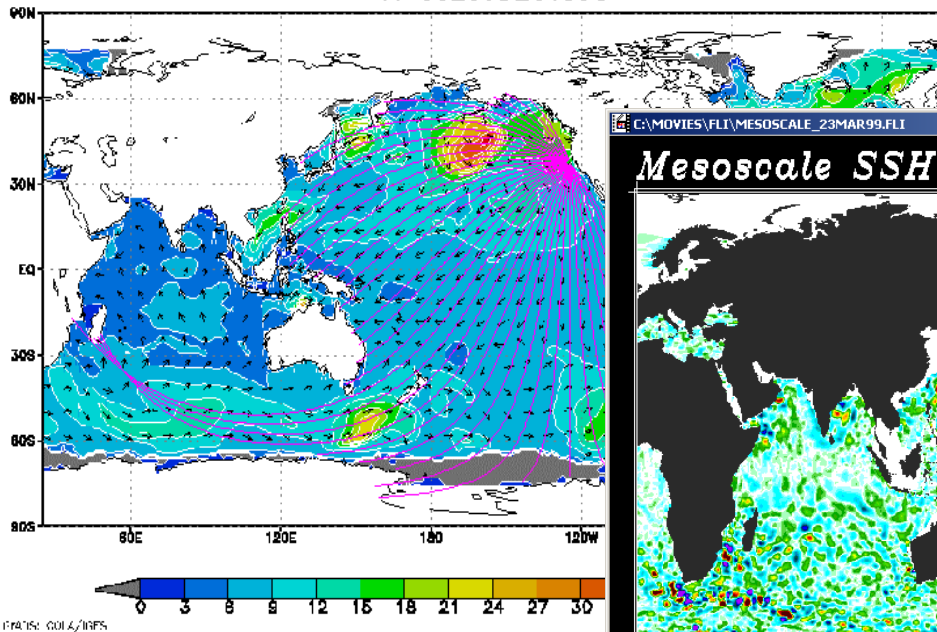




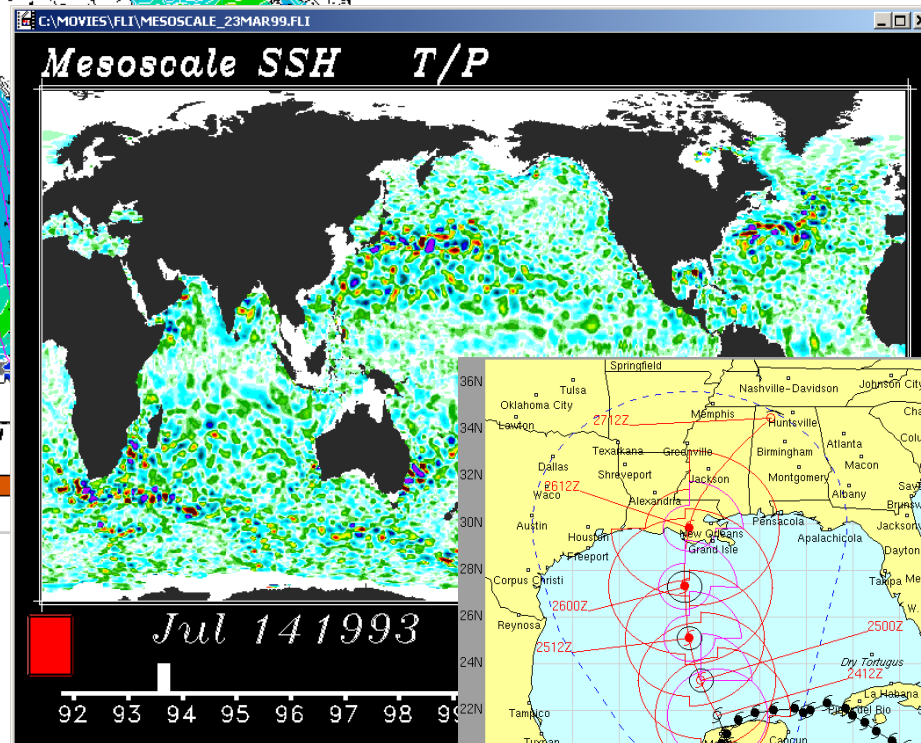
Importance of Global View in Littoral Ocean Prediction



WAM_GLOBAL Wave Height [ft] and Direction Analysis
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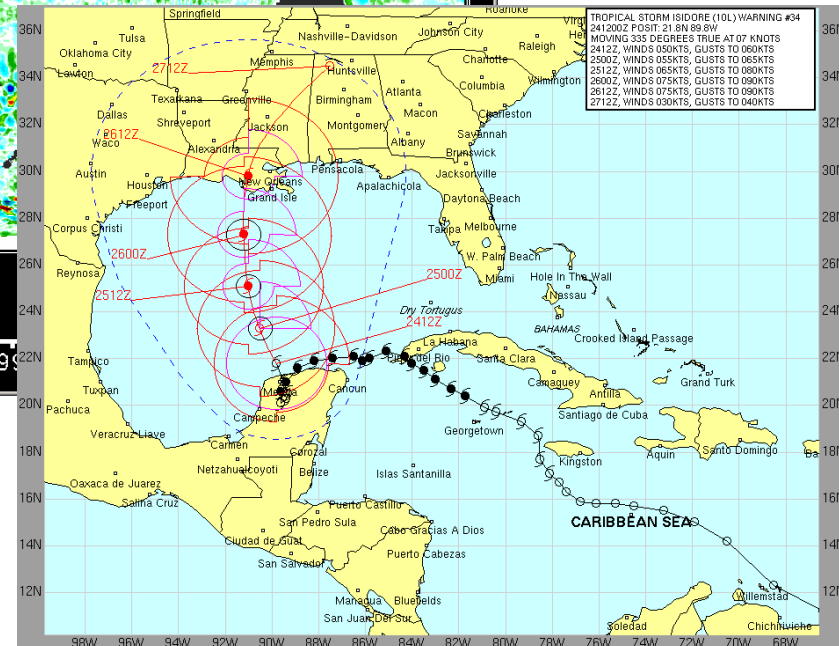


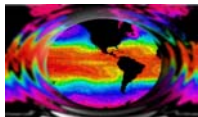
Surface Swell Propagation Example



Mesoscale Dynamics Example

Storm Surge Example

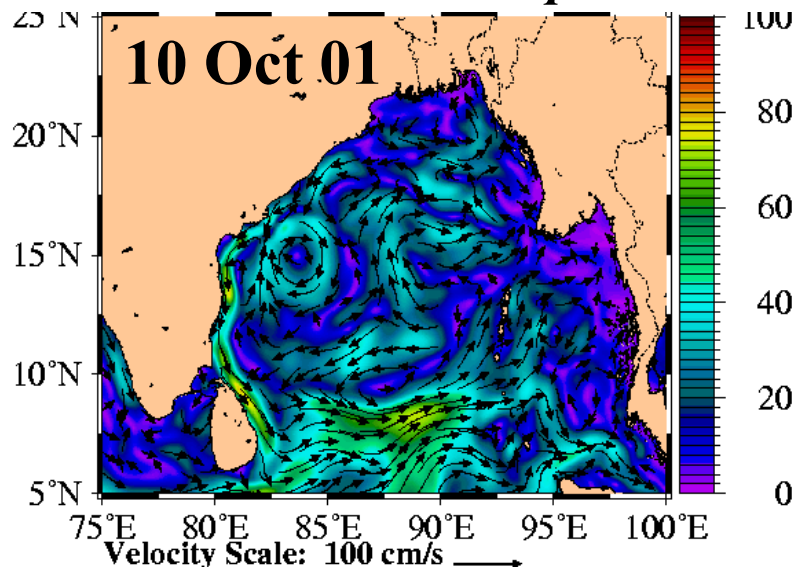




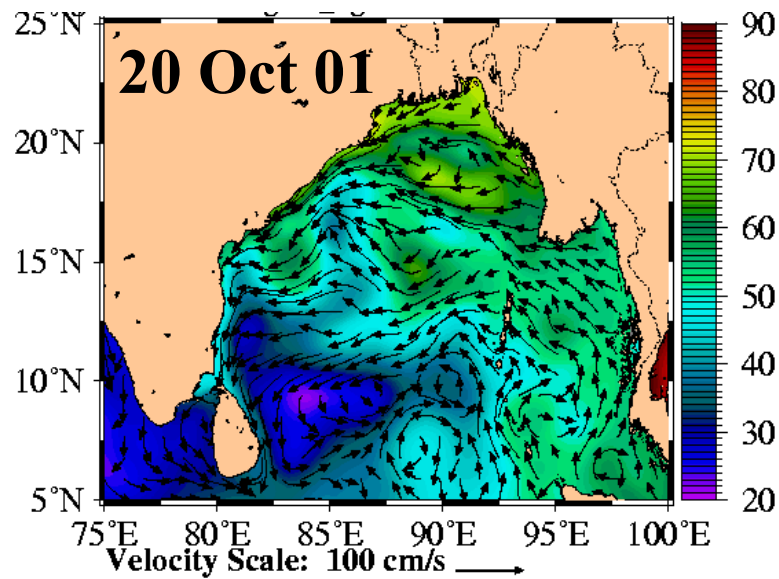
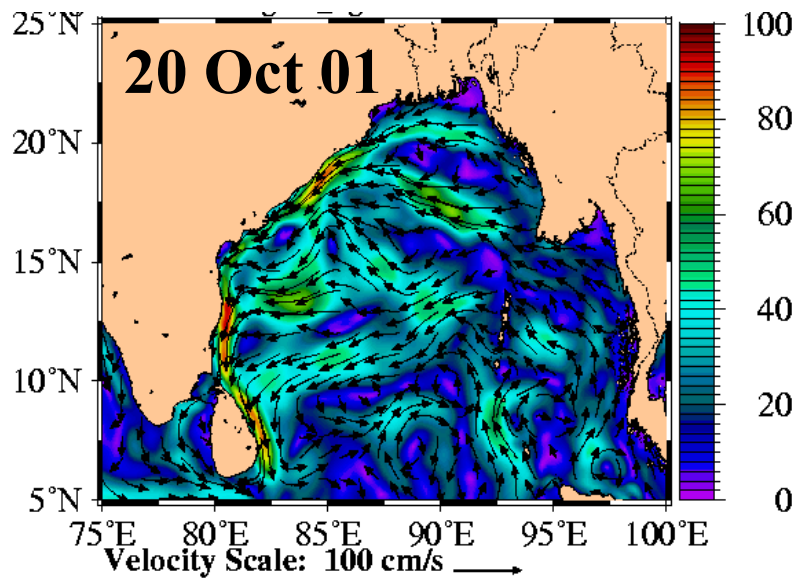
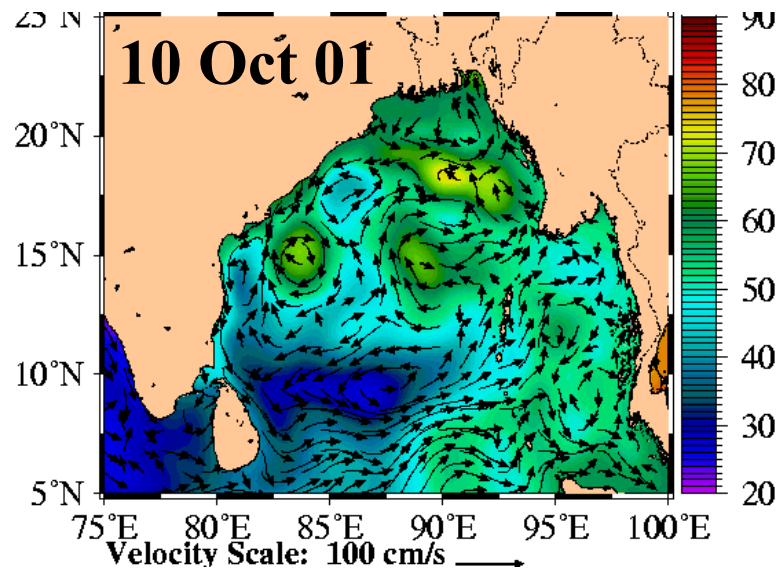
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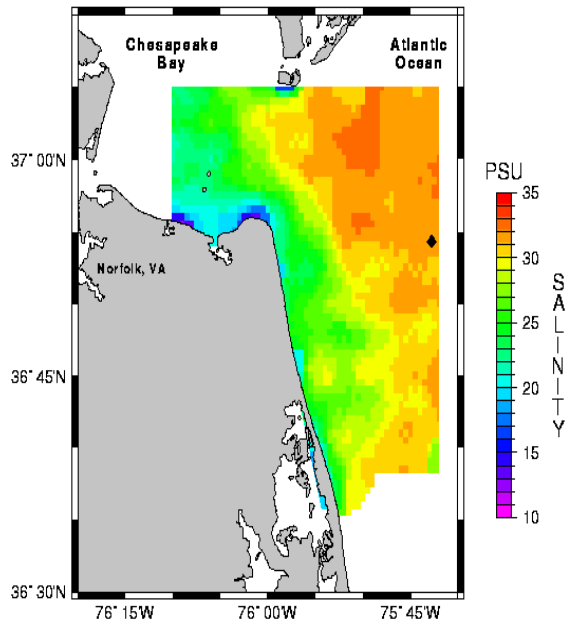
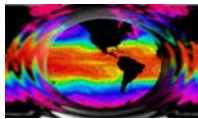
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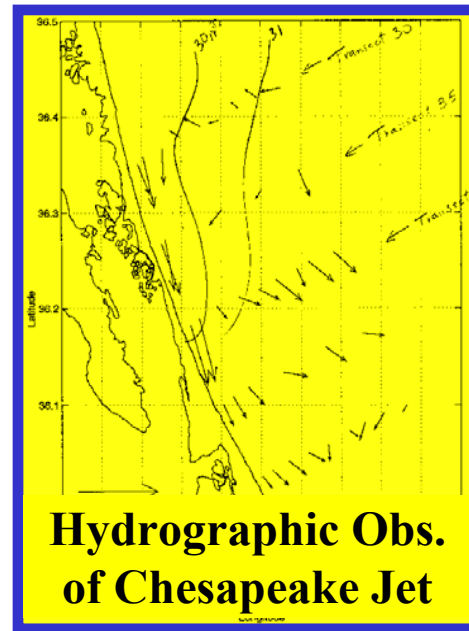
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Importance of Non-Local View in Littoral Ocean Prediction



**NRL 7300 Salinity
Mapper Observations of
Chesapeake Jet**



**Hydrographic Obs.
of Chesapeake Jet**

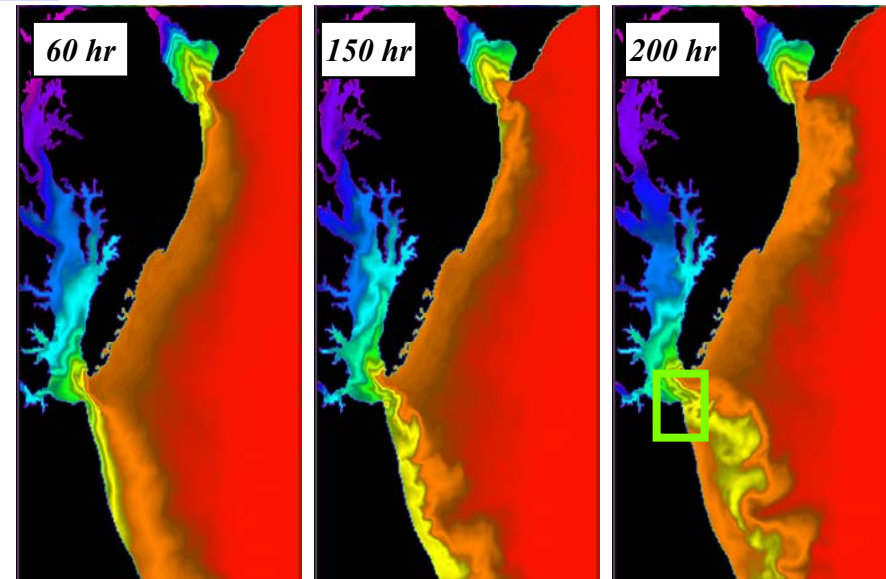


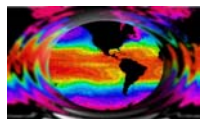
Photo of Jet Nose at Duck, NC

Courtesy Jerry Miller, NRL 7300

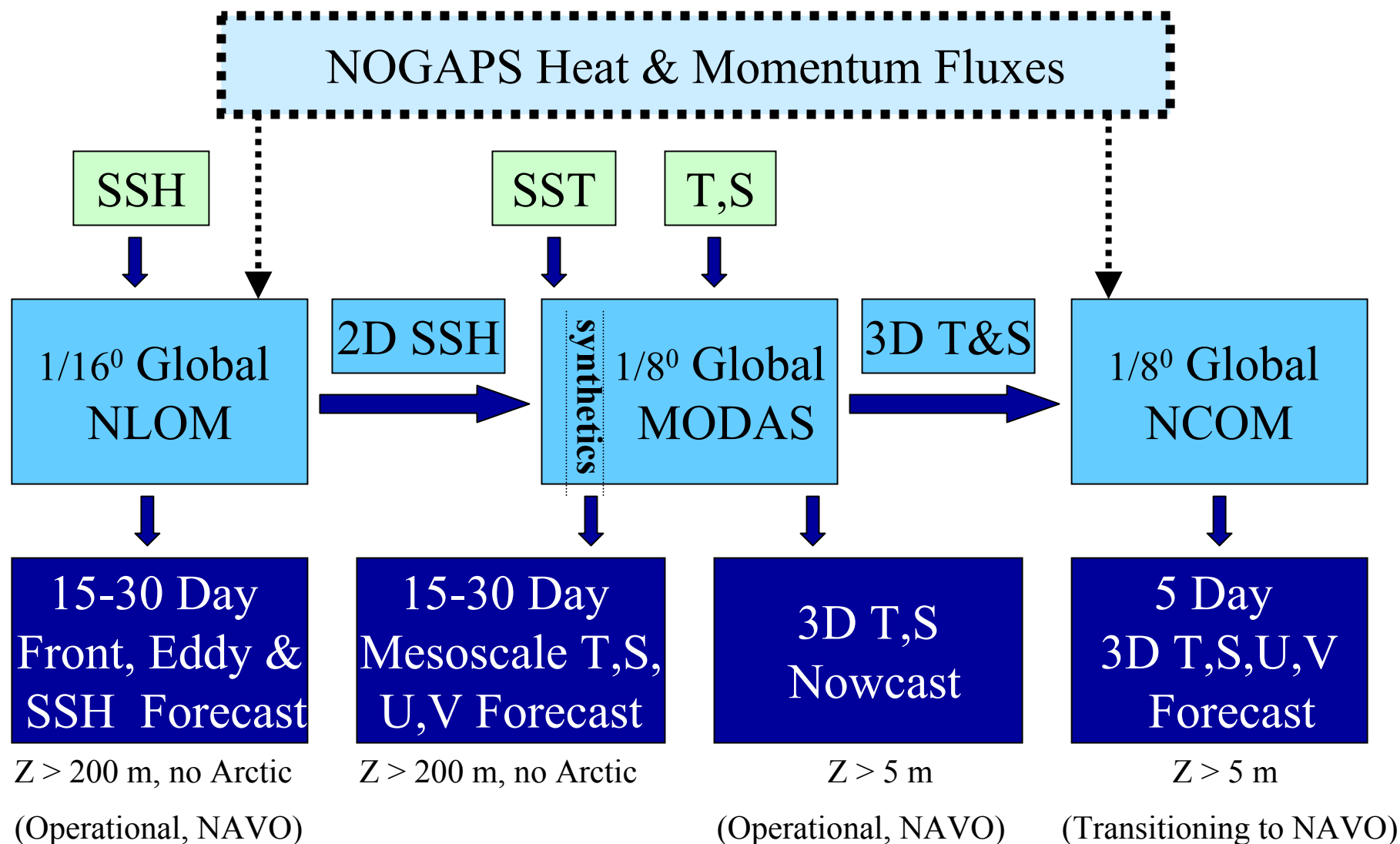
NCOM Simulation of Chesapeake Jet

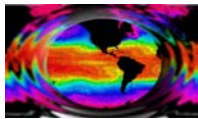
(Mean river flow; 8 tides; 10-day winds; 1km)





Global Ocean Prediction Baseline

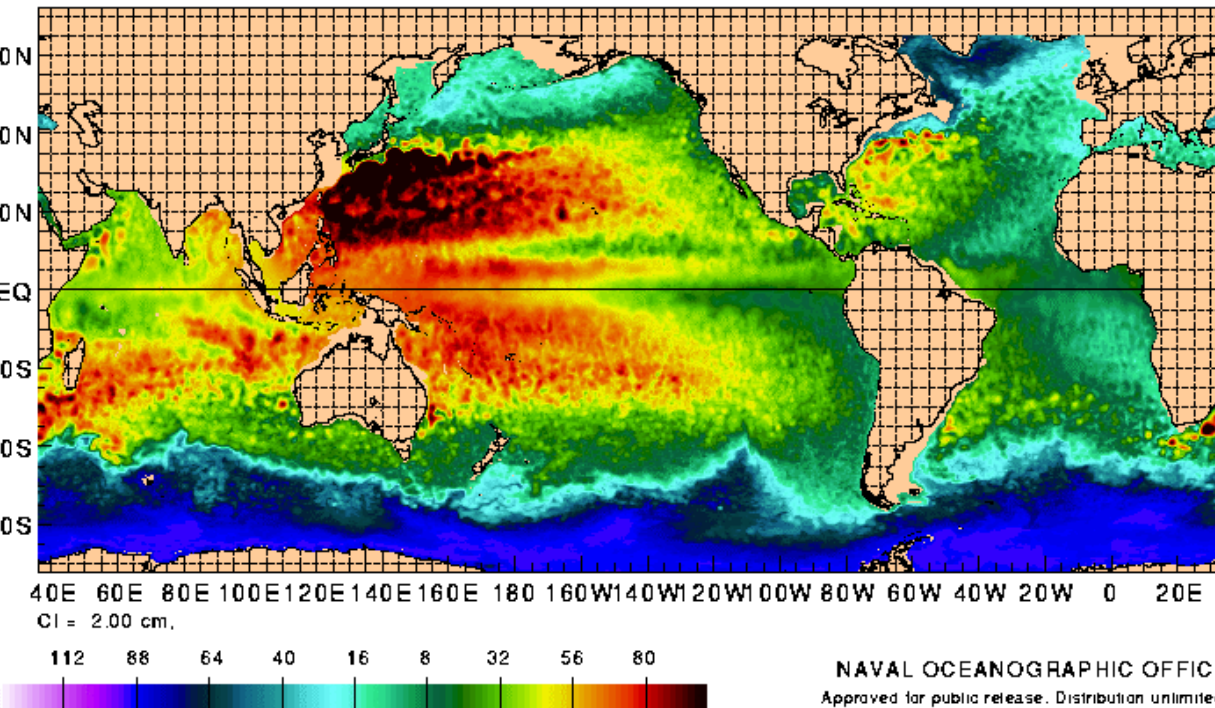




Navy Layered Ocean Model (NLOM)

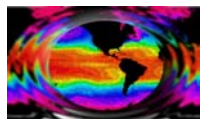


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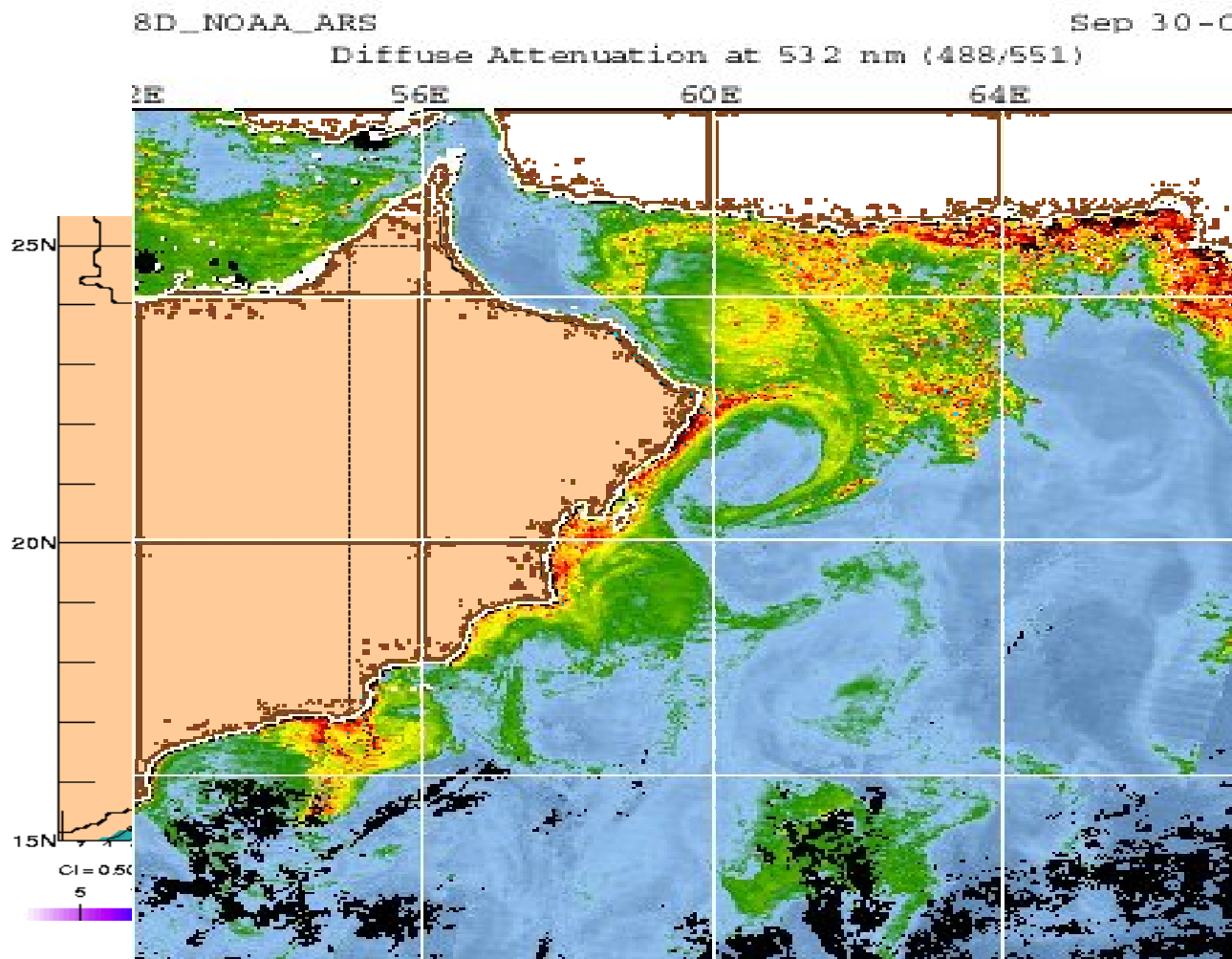
- *NRL global primitive equation ocean circulation model*
- *6 active layers*
- *Forced by real-time NOGAPS surface heat fluxes and wind stresses*
- *Assimilates satellite altimetry data and MODAS SST analysis*
- *Provides SSH and Front & Eddy forecast capability*

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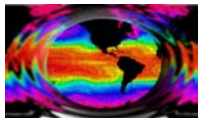
Global NLOM Relative to SeaWIFS

Arabian Sea



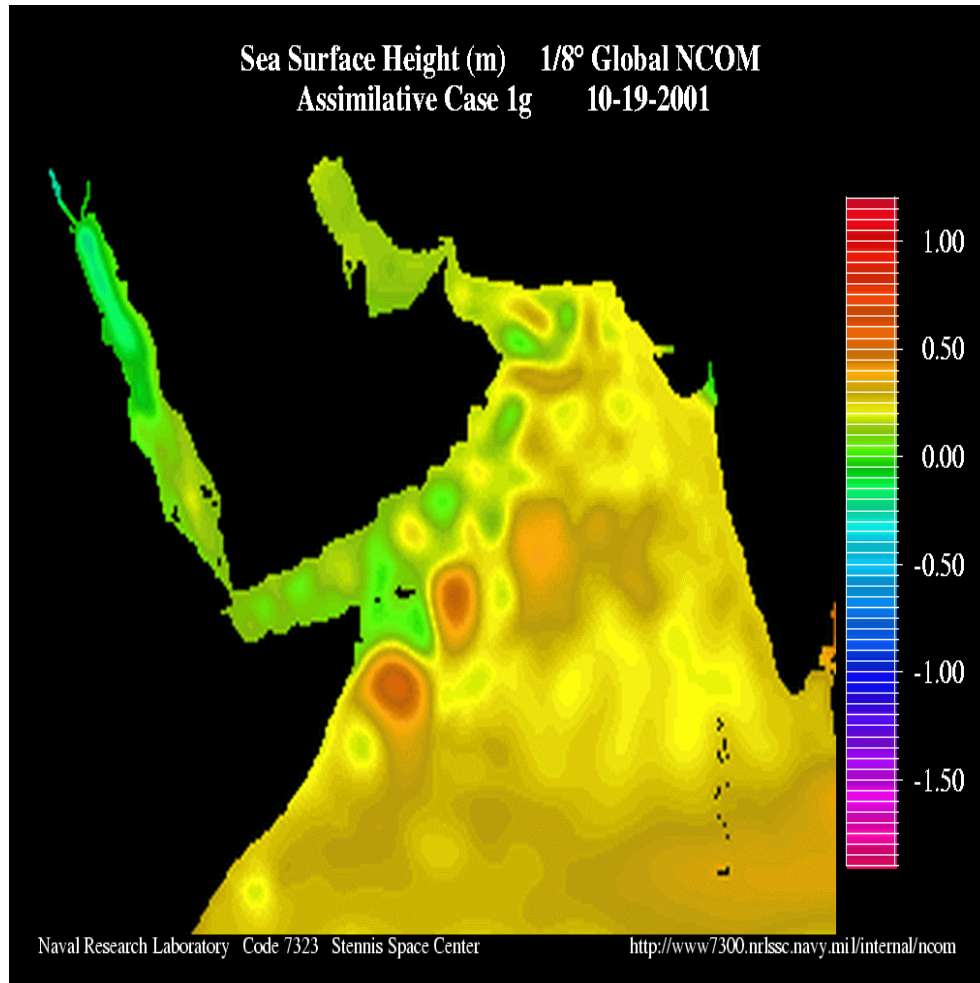
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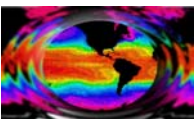
Navy Coastal Ocean Model (NCOM)

(Princeton Ocean Model (POM) family derivative)



- *POM-type codes in wide use around the world for coastal & harbor applications*
- *Full primitive equation ocean circulation model*
- *Sigma/Z level hybrid coordinate in vertical*
- *Includes river runoff, tidal forcing, and tracer capability*
- *NCOM both global and integrated into COAMPS*
- *Efficient scalable, portable code (Wallcraft, Martin)*

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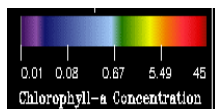
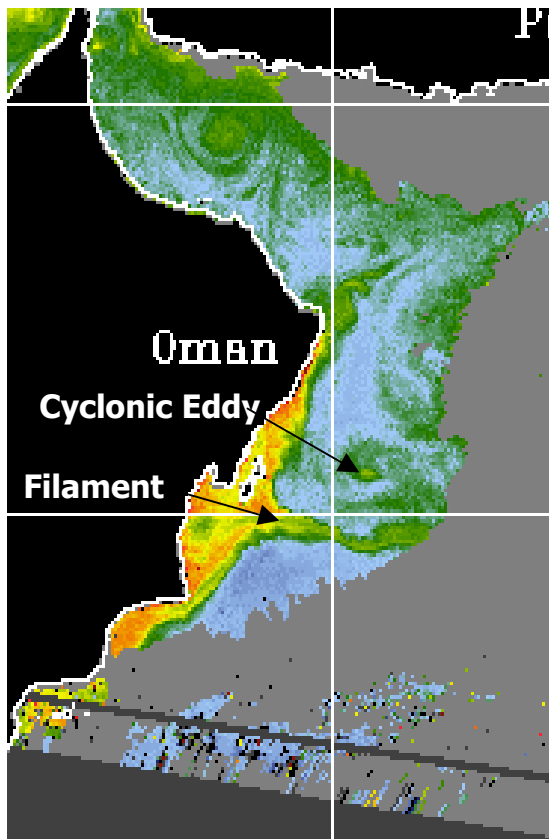


SeaWIFS relative to NLOM/NCOM

Oman Coastal Filaments

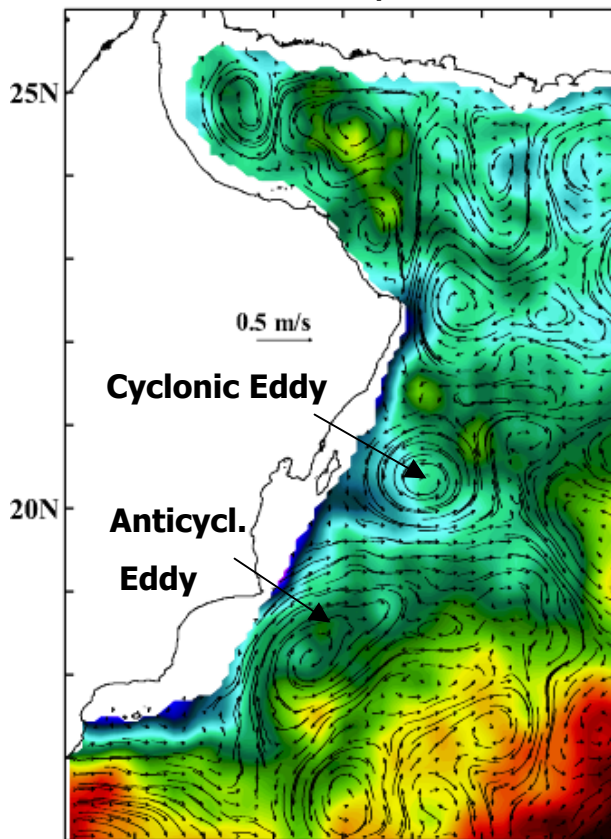


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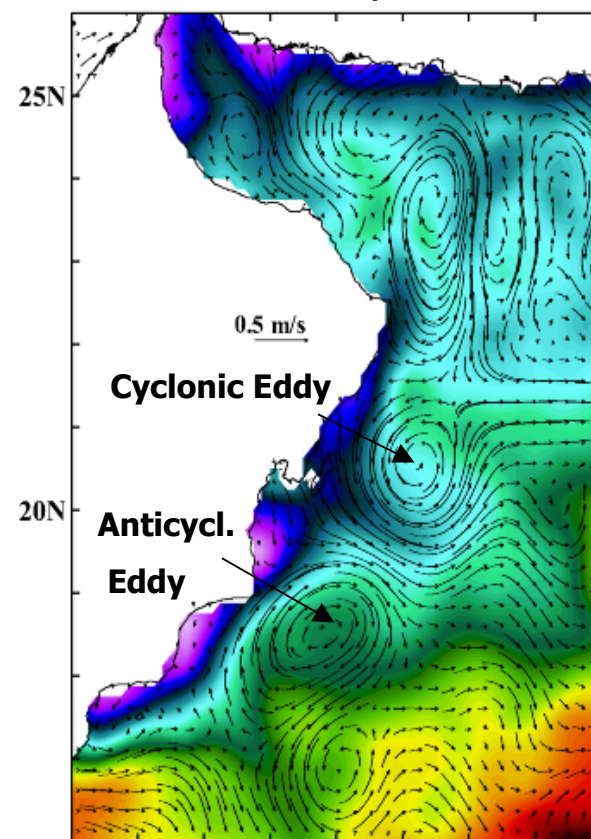
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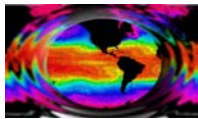
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Model SST and Surface Currents

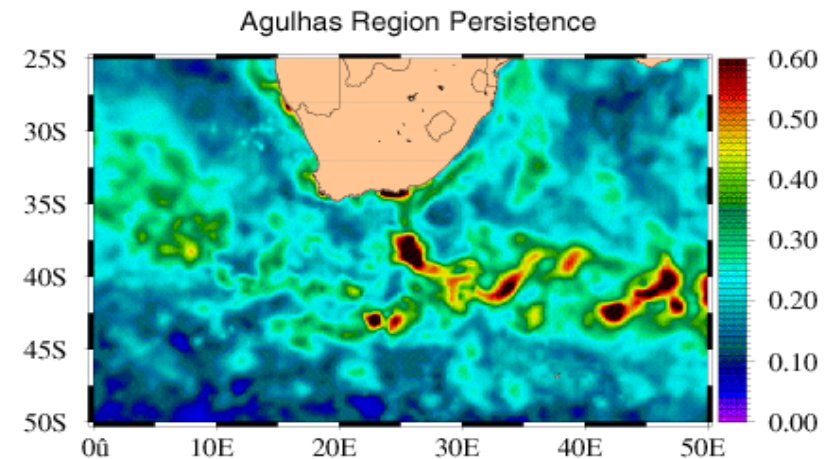
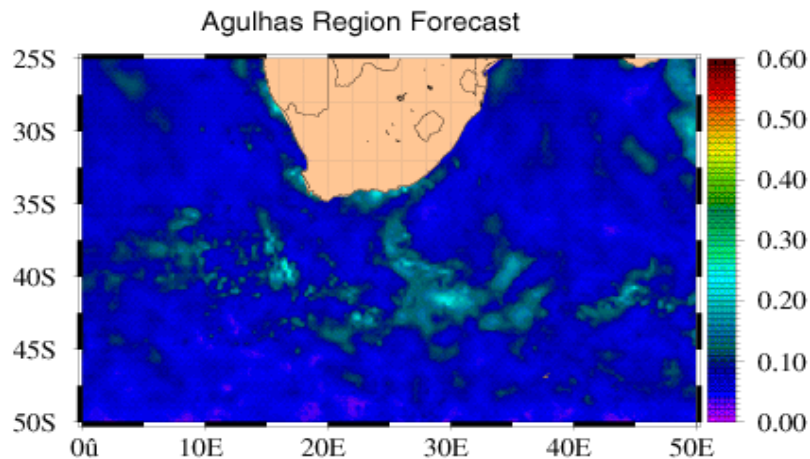
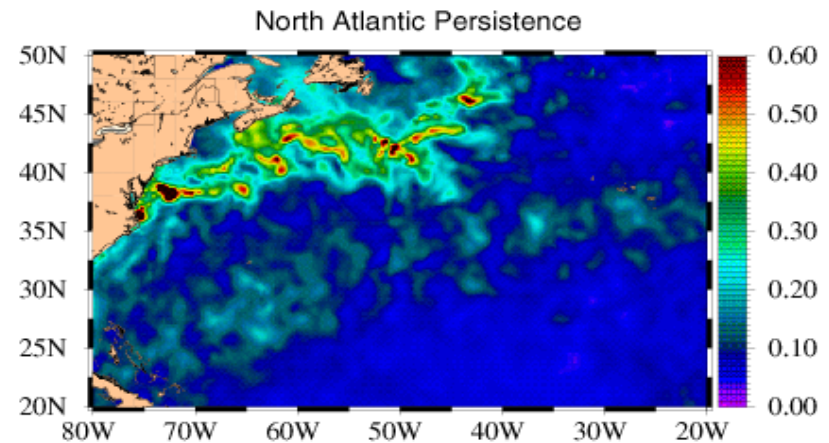
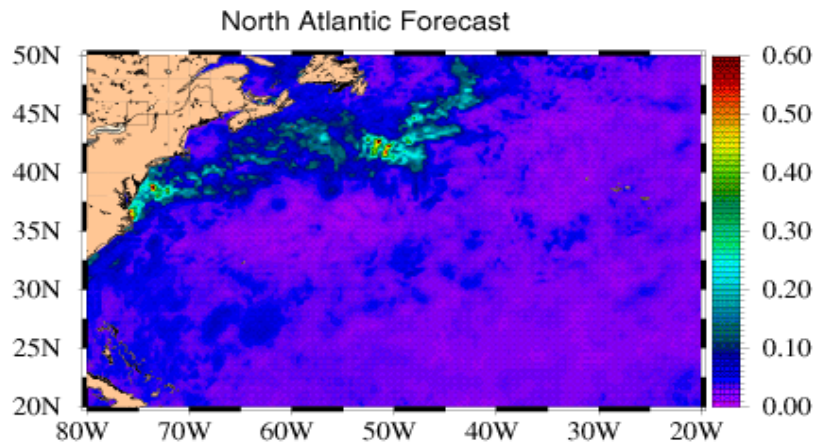
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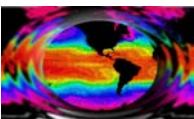


NCOM Forecast Skill

SST – 48 hr. Forecast Verification



2 Day SST Forecast Verification Statistics
Mean RMS ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) over 40 forecasts made 4 Jan 2001 – 12 Feb 2001



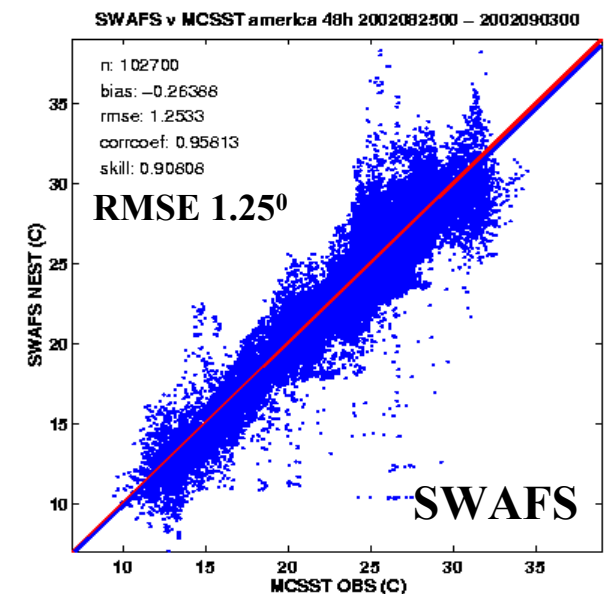
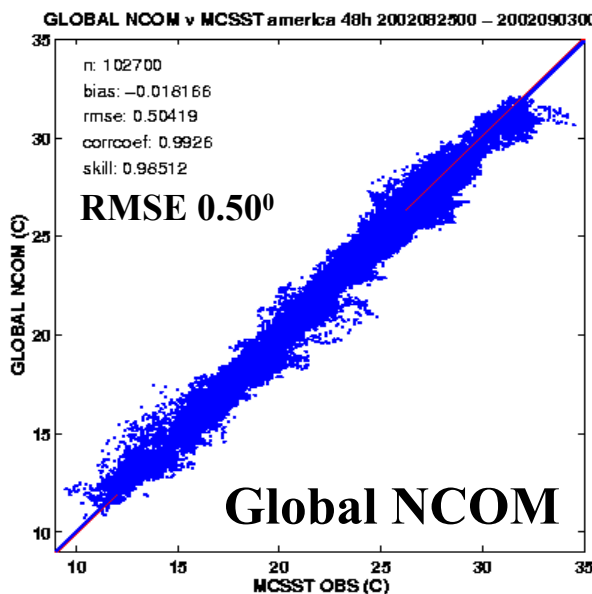
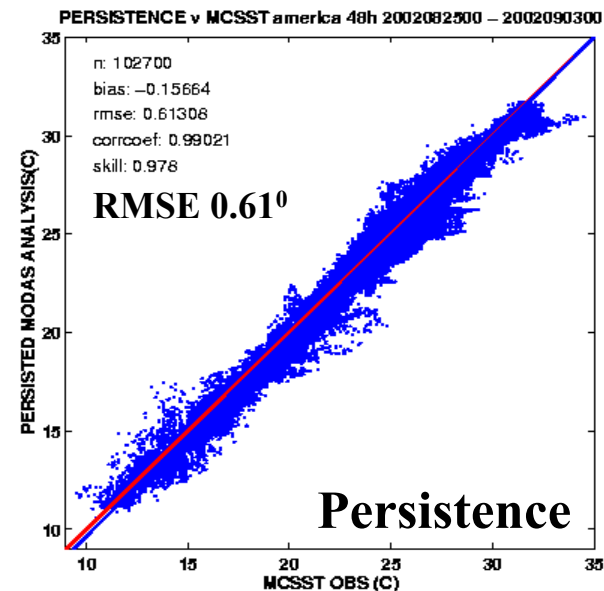
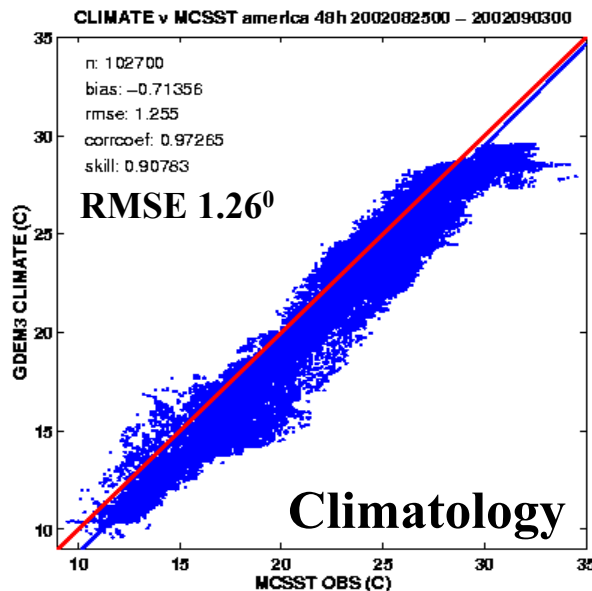
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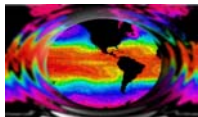
SST – 48 hr. Forecast Verification



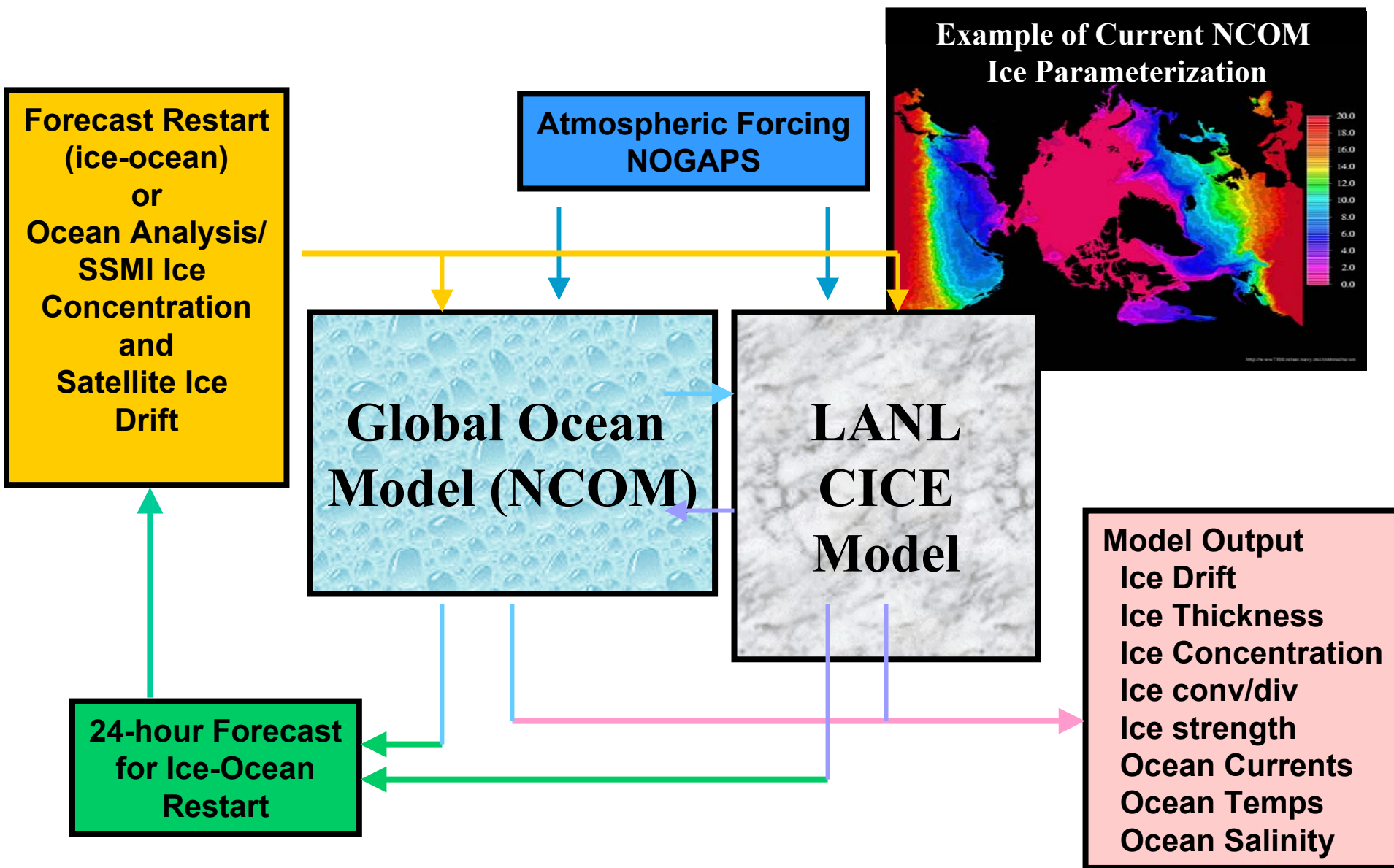
Scatter plot Comparisons
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Example of metric software
put together by Clark
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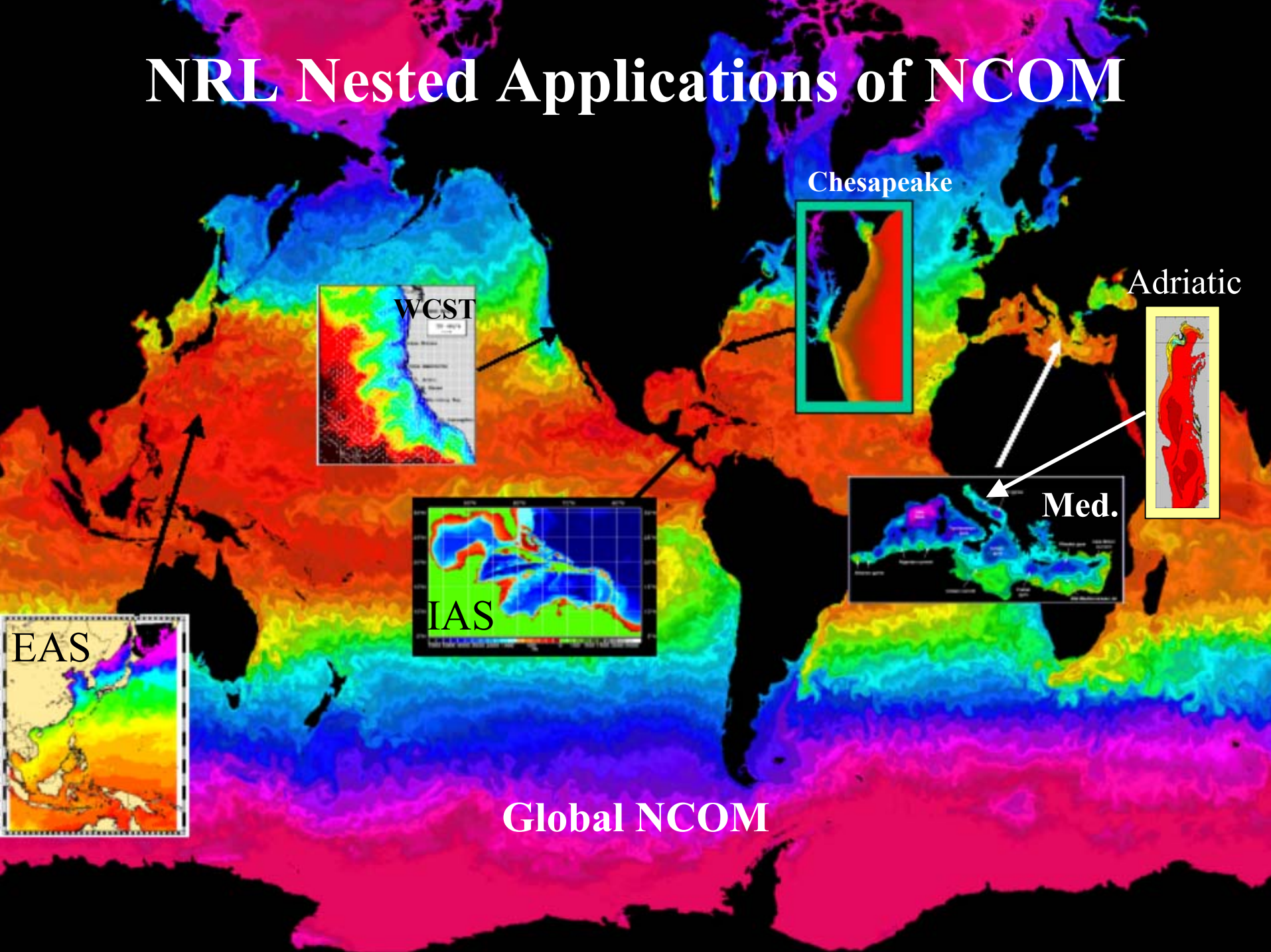


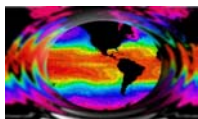


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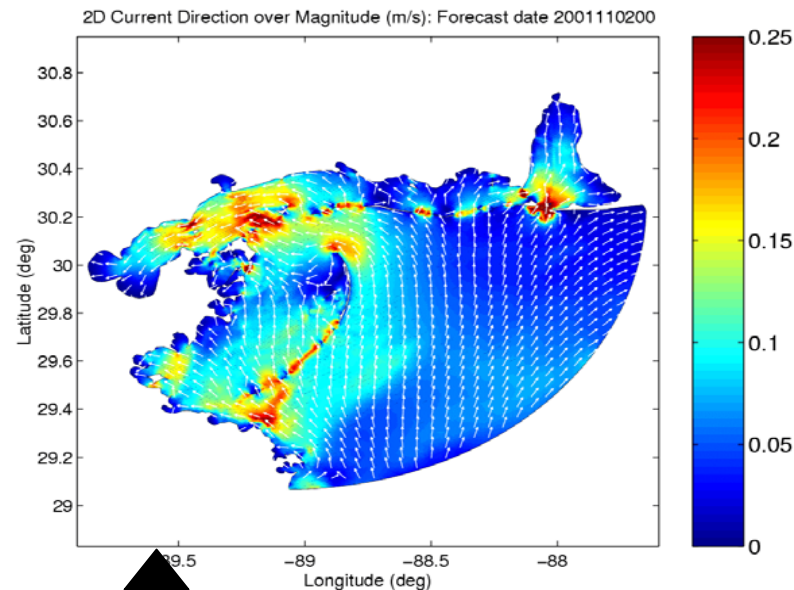
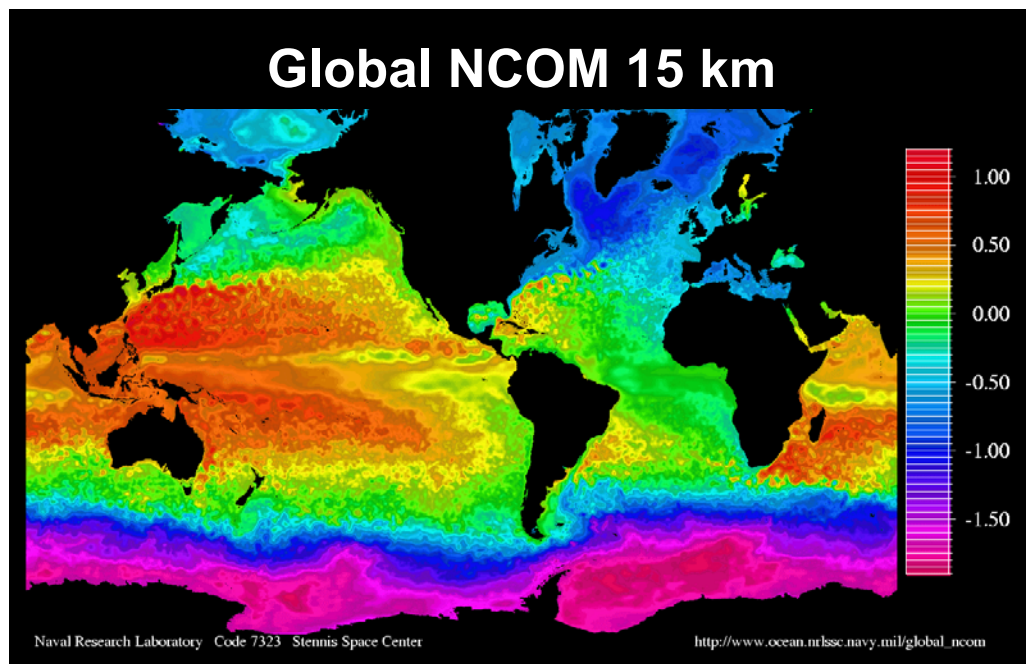


NRL Nested Applications of NCOM

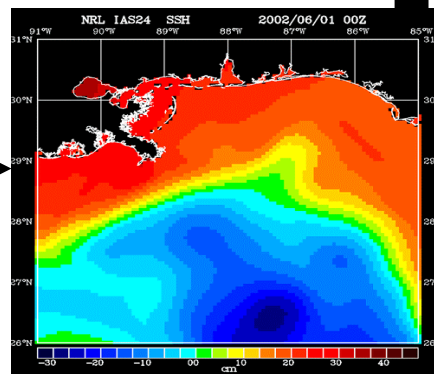
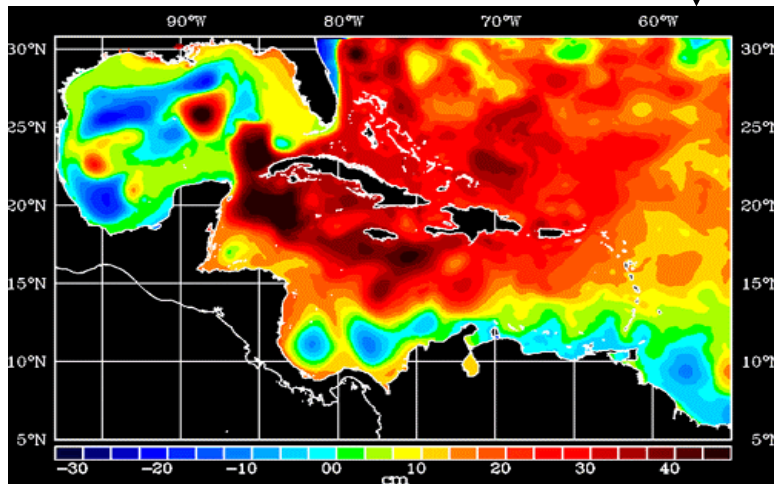




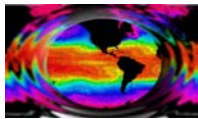
Model Nesting Example: Littoral Focus in Gulf of Mexico



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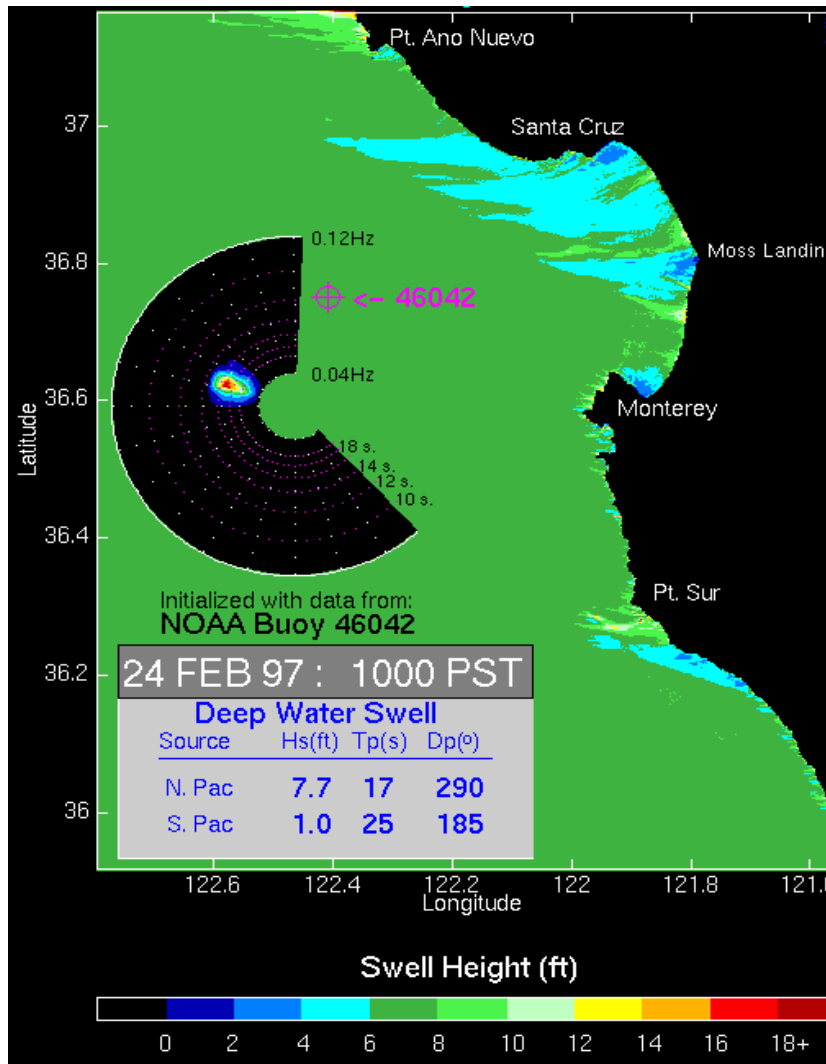


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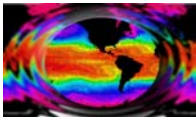


Wave Model Nesting

ROAMER – IOPS - DIOPS



- *WAM physics valid only for water depths greater than 30 m*
- *However, WAM can provide open boundary condition (i.e., incoming swell) forecasts for shallow water models such as REFDIF, STWAVE or SWAN wave transformation and NSSM surf models*
- *Shallow water models require very high-resolution representation of bathymetry*



ROAMER – IOPS Framework



DEEP-WATER
SPECTRA

SHALLOW-
WATER SPECTRA

TIDES

BEACH
PROFILES

WINDS

SELECT MODEL

NEST1

NEST2

NEST3

WAM

STWAVE

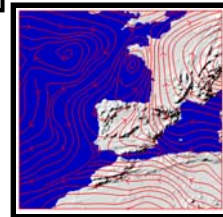
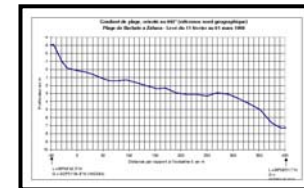
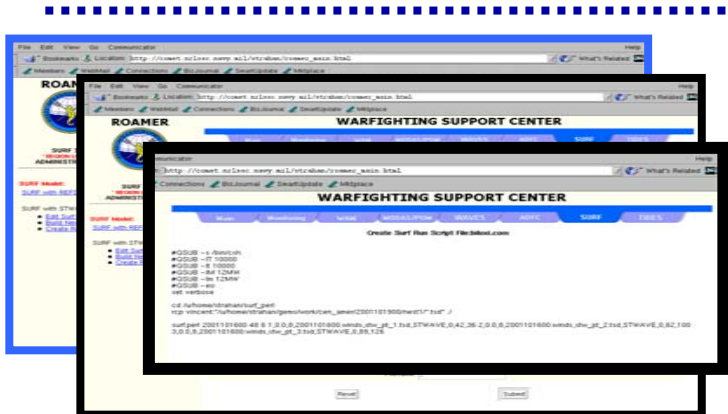
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REFDIF

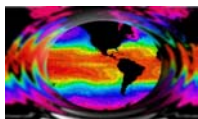
WATER LEVELS

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ROAMER GUI



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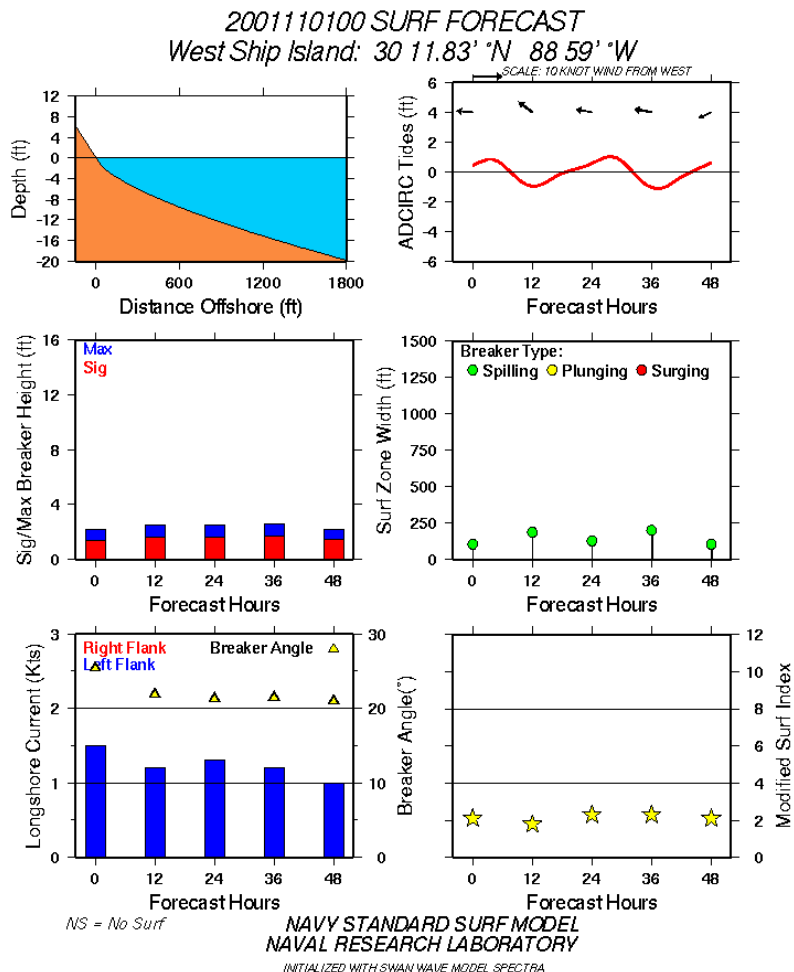


ROAMER/ DIOPS

Example during the NAVO AUV Fest 2001



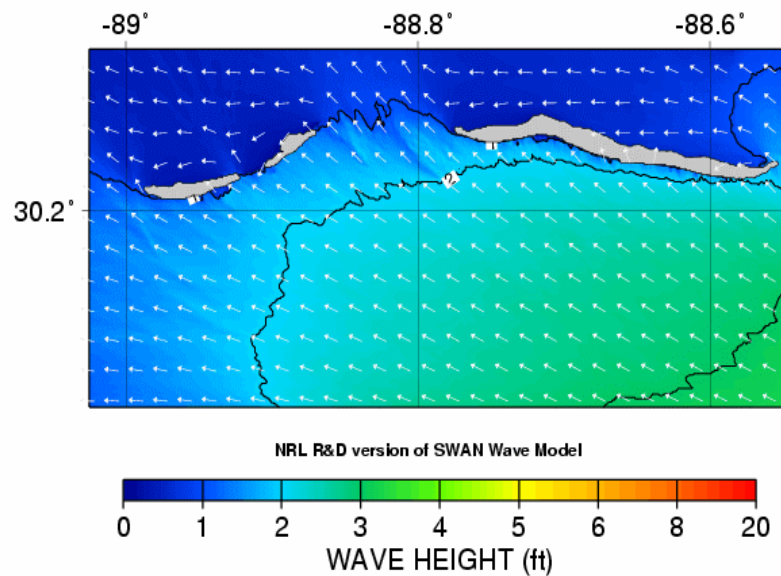
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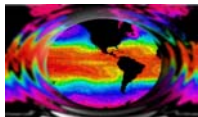


WAVE HEIGHTS/DIR

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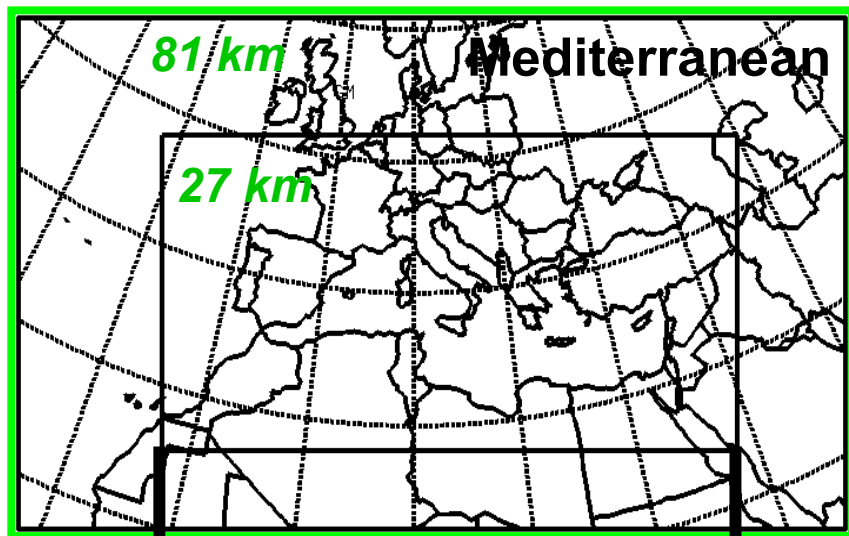
COAMPS winds. SWAN grid resolution 300 ft
Model Initialized with coarse resolution output



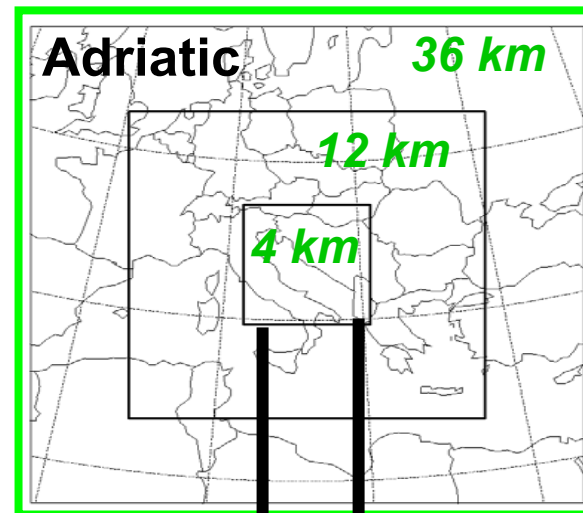


Coupled Modeling

Mediterranean Example (Courtesy: J. Pullen, NRLMRY)

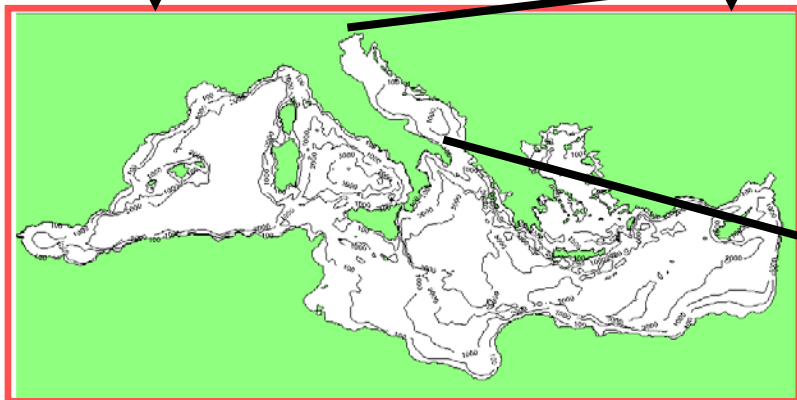


COAMPS



(momentum + heat fluxes)

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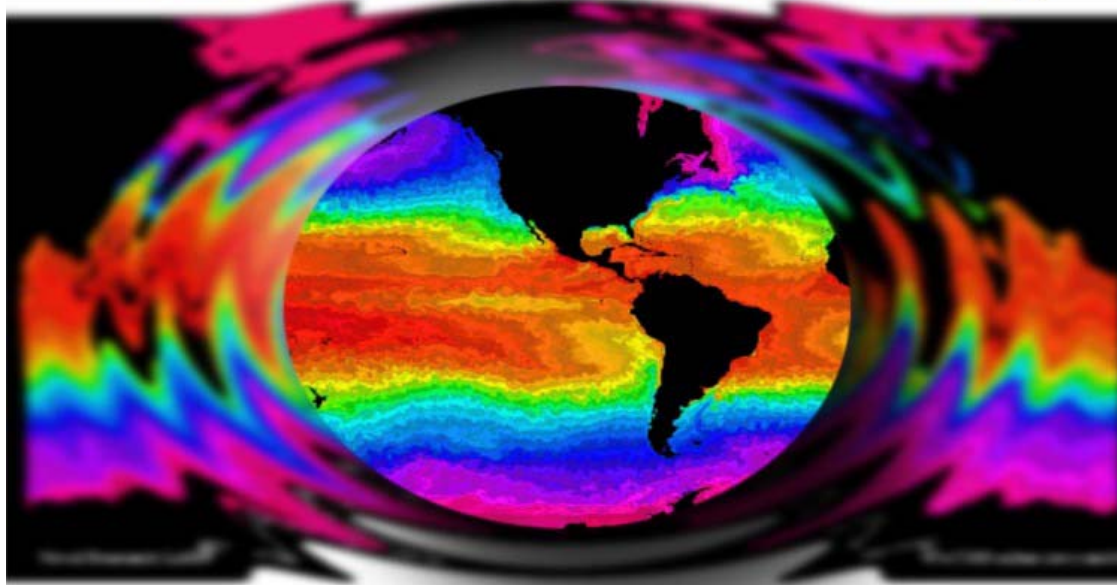
NCOM
6 km



NCOM
2 km

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